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ROYALTY ON POWER GENERATION
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Himachal Pradesh Government is demanding royalty on power generated by Beas-Sutlaj Link Bhakra Power Project under Bhakra Beas Management Board;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the free of cost supply of 12% powers of the total powers generated by the aforesaid plants and 7.19% powers from hydro power plants under the jurisdiction of BBMB to Himachal Pradesh with retrospective effect has also been demanded by them; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) : Yes, Sir. Government of Himachal Pradesh has been demanding 12% free power out of the power generated by Bhakra-Beas Projects.

(b) to (d) : As per information available, the Government of Himachal Pradesh has been demanding 12% free power from Bhakra-Beas Projects located in their territory viz. Bhakra Nangal Projects (1478.73 MW), Dehar Power House (990 MW) and Pong Power House (396 MW) in lieu of utilization of resources of Himachal Pradesh on the analogy for sharing power from Centre Sector Projects. Allocation of 12% free power is applicable in case of Central Sector Hydro Electric Projects where the sanction for investment decision was issued after 12.02.1985 and projects were commissioned after 709.1990. BBMB Projects are not Central Sector Projects but are jointly owned State Sector Projects commissioned prior to 7.09.1990. Also sharing of power from Bhakra Beas Projects has already been agreed amongst the partner states long back. BBMB have also informed that the Government of Himachal Pradesh has filed a suit in the Supreme Court of India for:

(i) a share of 12% of the net power generated in Bhakra-Beas Project free of cost from the date of commissioning of these projects.
(ii) claiming a share of 7.19% of the power generated in Bhakra-Beas projects from the appointed date i.e. 1.11.1966.
(iii) to pass a decree for Rs.2199.77 crore as compensation for failure to supply the above said shares.

The matter is presently sub-judice.